## Headteacher update

This week has been quite a relaxed one in school, with children focusing hard on their learning and continuing to try their best. On Monday in assembly, the children learned about the inspirational leader Dr Martin Luther King Jr. We talked about the power of having the courage of your convictions and not giving up on what you believe in. Resilience is one of our core values, and over the next few weeks we will be reiterating the importance of dedicating yourself to something, even if it is not what you thought it would be.

## Strike action

We respect the rights of employees to strike and the role of Trade Unions in accordance with the legislation and balloting rules. As you will have seen the National Education Union (NEU) has voted to strike on particular days (1st February, 2nd March, 15th March \& 16th March). We are currently looking over guidance from the DfE, as well as from our Trust and will send out more information early next week.

## Playground update

A huge thank you to Paul Roswell who has been working in all weathers to lay the turf under our new play equipment. The grass will need about a week to bed in, and then we will finally be able to use it! I will plan some sort of 'opening event' in the week beginning 30th January to mark it, as I know the children are very excited!

## Upcoming competitions

We have arranged a high Five match against St Leven School this Thursday 26th January after school on the MUGA. Nancledra have invited us over the play netball with them on Thursday 3rd March
Our next cross county competition will be on Monday 30th January at St Ives Rugby Club. I will be taking the children along in the minibus as usual, and you will have the opportunity to come along and watch and collect from there.

We have arranged our first football match against St Buryan on Friday 3rd February on the field.

Clubs and PE days

| Day | Event | Club option |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Monday | Cowloe Rugby-PE kits please <br> Longships PE-PE kits please | Running KS2 |
| Tuesday | Brisons group 2 swimming / group 1 PE-PE <br> kits please | Writing 5 \& 6 |
| Wednesday | PE for Brisons, Longships \& Cowloe | Multi sports for KS1 <br> Tennis <br> (booking essential) |
| Thursday |  | High Five KS2 |
| Sriday | Forest school session for Aire | Karate |
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Have a great weekend!

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## Important dates:

- Cowloe rugby Mondays
- Brisons group 2 swimming Tuesdays
- Friday 27th January \& Friday 10th February-Cowloe Forest School
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- Monday 30th January-Cross Country @ St Ives Rugby Club
- Friday 3rd February-Football match vs St Buryan
- Friday 10th February-Last day of term 3
- Monday 20th February-1st day of term 4
- Friday 23 rd February-Brisons trip to Newquay Zoo
- Thursday 2nd March - World Book Day \& Netball match VS Nancledra
- Friday 31st March—Last day term

Reading at Sennen-One of our priorities this year has been to develop a set of 'must reads' (reading spines). In his book 'Reading Reconsidered', Doug Lemov points out that there are five types of texts that children should have access to in order to successfully navigate reading with confidence. These are complex and demand more from the reader than other types of books.

The five text types are:
Archaic Language-Books with vocabulary and cultural reference from older and more traditional texts to help to widen their reading appetite.

Non-Linear Time Sequences-Stories where time flows back and forth in a complex manner not just flows in one direction.

Narratively Complex-Some books have more than one narrator telling the story or non-human narrators such as the horse who tells the story in Black Beauty.

Complexity of story-Where the plot and symbols used are more complicated for example interwoven plots.

Resistant Texts-This refers to texts which are difficult to understand, texts that deliberately resist comprehension. You have to assemble meaning around nuances, hints, uncertainties and clues.

You can see a copy of our reading spines on our website-https://www.sennen.cornwall.sch.uk/web/ the_5_plagues_of_reading/638204


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A message from the Minack


CREATE A PLAY IN A DAY AT THE MINACK THEATRE!



MINACK theatre


STRANGER THAN STRANGER THINGS

Play in a Day Saturday 14 th January 11-18 year olds


DARING TO BE DIFFERENT

Play in a Day
Saturday 4th
\& 25th February
11-18 year olds


## Lunch Menu

Children will be asked what they would like each day by their teacher. Children in year R-2 get infant free school meals and it is $£ 2.41$ for the rest of the school, other than for those pupils who have been awarded income based free school meals.


